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FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **VIRTUAL NETWORK ENVIRONMENT**, the specification of which

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

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Yes No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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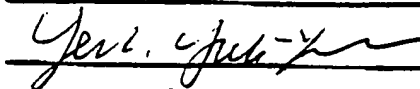
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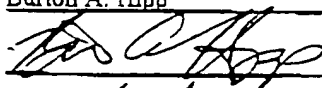
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